Artesian Fishing Lake

767 Joachim Avenue, Herculaneum 63048 636-479-9538

We have just purchased the Artesian Fishing Lake and are pleased to reopen what has been a fishing location enjoyed by many people through the years. The 10 acre property and 1.5 acre lake are conveniently located in Herculaneum. Open daily April 1 to October 1 (closed Mondays). We have snacks and bait and tackle but no fish processing.

Directions: Follow I-55 to the Herculaneum exit. Take McNutt Street east ½ mile to Hwy 61/67. Go north 0.6 mile on 61/67 to Joachim Avenue. Turn right on Joachim and go 0.3 mile to the lake.

Crystal Springs Trout Farm, Inc.

Route 3, Box 3337, Cassville 65625 417-847-2174, cys@mo-net.com



Operating for over 60 years, Crystal Springs Trout Farm, Inc. is located on the headwaters of a natural spring in Cassville, only 8 miles from Roaring River State Park. Open February 15 to November 15. Rainbow trout are raised for stocking, sport

fishing and table use; brown trout, and golden rainbow trout are also grown. We specialize in family trout fishing and encourage children of all ages to experience the joy of landing a trout. The stream area is geared towards youngsters, although all ages are encouraged. The pond trout are two pounds or larger for the fisherman looking for more of a challenge or for fly fishing. There is no catch and release. Tackle, bait, and cleaning are provided free! Custom filleting and skinning are available at an additional charge.

Directions: From Hwy 37, exit onto Business 37. Take Hwy Y, and turn right on Partridge.

Dogwood Canyon Nature Park

2038 West Hwy. 86, Lampe 65681 417-779-5983, www.big-cedar.com

Dogwood Canyon has two trout streams open all year. These two options are offered daily with a maximum of 10 anglers at any given time. Little Indian Creek offers



a two-hour opportunity for catch and release or catch and keep fishing. Guided trophy trout fishing is available on Dogwood Creek where habitat has been created and enhanced to provide an environment ideal for rainbow and brown trout. To

assure a quality experience, we require that participants be at least 12 years of age and admit a very limited number of anglers to only Monday, Wednesday, and Friday use. Reservations are required.

Directions: On Hwy 86, approximately 16 miles west of Big Cedar Lodge and Hwy 65.

Levasy Lake Pond Stocking Service

1017 Tarsney Lane, Buckner 64016 816-650-9313

Fish for channel catfish in a 5 acre stocked pond. Open weekends only Easter to Memorial Day. Open 8 am to noon daily Memorial Day to Labor Day (closed Mondays and Tuesdays but open all night Fridays and



Saturdays). Open weekends only Labor Day to October 1. **Directions:** On Hwy 24 two miles east of Buckner.

Rainbow Run Trout Park, Inc.

2549 Highway O, Highlandville 65669 417-443-3400, www.rainbowrun.net Located in the Missouri Ozarks between Branson and

Springfield, we offer trout fishing for the entire family.



Tour packages are also available for groups to come and enjoy trout fishing. Open daily January 24 to December 24.

Directions: From Springfield, take Hwy 160 south and go west on Hwy O at Highlandville. Follow Hwy O 2½ miles west of Highlandville. From Branson, take I-65 north to Hwy EE. Take EE west to Highlandville and then Hwy O west 2½ more miles.

Rainbow Trout Ranch & Gun Club

PO Box 100, Rockbridge 65741 417-679-2470, www.rockbridgemo.com

Rainbow Trout Ranch and Gun Club is nestled in a valley peppered with beautiful and towering trees where deep in the valley lies the sparkling Spring Creek. Along the creek stands an old red mill,



and up from the mill is the general store which houses the restaurant and check-in services. In addition to fishing, we offer hiking trails, a swimming pool, and the Rockbridge Gun Club as well as lodging at one of our cabins. We encourage you to plan a getaway at Rockbridge.

Directions: Located in north-central Ozark County.

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Southern Missouri Catfish Co.

Route 1, Box 67, Neelyville 63701 573-989-6123

Fish for channel catfish all year Tuesday through Saturday 10am to 5 pm (calling ahead is recommended). **Directions:** From Neeleyville, take Hwy 67 one mile south to Old Route 67. Turn left and go ¼ mile.

Spring Valley Trout Ranch, Inc.

Route 1, Box 115, Thornfield 65762 417-265-3699, svtrout@tri-lakes.net



Spring Valley offers one mile of secluded rainbow trout fishing on a springfed stream deep within the Mark Twain National Forest. Daily stocking from our own raceways provides constant fishing action. Spring Valley's dining room offers a variety of home-cooked meals and our modern 22 unit motel provides you with clean, comfortable lodging. All

facilities are within walking distance of Turkey Creek.
Reservations are required. Open mid-May to midNovember. Nature lovers will thoroughly enjoy the natural,
serene beauty of the Ozarks. Situated on 235 wooded
acres, Spring Valley is home for a multitude of wild
animals and birds in their natural habitat. Come join us!

Directions: Please call.

Troutdale Farm

Troutdale Lane, Gravois Mills 65037 573-372-1900 or 573-378-5565

www.troutdalefarm.com

140 acres of Ozark habitat is the site for trout fishing in the Lake area. A tour through the production raceways and hatchery building will give each visitor a new appreciation for the unique requirements demanded by trout. We are a favorite of the beginning fly fisherman and the angler who appreciates clear water streams that let them get close to rainbows. Classes are scheduled for those interested in an introduction to fly fishing techniques and fly tying skills. For the experienced, we offer half day and full day catch and release. Troutdale is located at the northern tip of the Lake on the quiet west side. Abundant

lodging and restaurants are available on both sides of the Lake, as well as activities for the non fisherman, such as golfing and shop-



ping. We clean, bag and ice fish for customers. Open seven days a week generally. Closed some Sundays, call ahead. Hours are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Some rental equipment available.

Directions: From the north, take Hwy 5 south to Gravois Mills. Turn right at Lake Road 5-12 (Troutdale Road) which is at the end of the shops on the right. Bear right at the 'Y' and follow the road all the way to the end. From the south, Troutdale Road is on the left at the bottom of the hill as you enter Gravois Mills on Hwy 5.

In addition to the businesses listed here, both the Missouri Department of Agriculture (www.mda.mo.gov or 573.751.4211) and the Missouri Aquaculture Association (www.moaa.pond.org) can provide more information about private fishing opportunities in Missouri.

Perhaps no other recreational activity is enjoyed more widely across our state than fishing, and some of Missouri's best fishing holes are privately owned ponds and streams that have been developed to provide entertainment for the public.

Private fishing locations differ from state fishing parks in two major respects. First, no state license or trout stamp is required. This can be a great savings for out-of-state fishermen. Second, it means any fish caught may be kept since there is no size or creel limit on fish caught at private lakes and streams.

Private fishing establishments appeal to experienced fly fishermen who seek a quiet day of catch and release as well as those who go to their favorite location because they know they can fill a stringer. They also appeal to beginning fishermen since many

businesses clean and ice customers' catch: offer fishing instruction: sell bait and tackle; or even provide bait and tackle for customers who don't bring their own.

Many locations offer additional services such as restaurants, a varie of lodging options, camping, and hiking trails. Even those who prefer not to fish may find themselves having a great time at one of Missouri's privately owned fishing areas!

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Warnol Valley Lakes Fish Farm

10401 Circle Road. Dixon 65459 573-759-2907 or 573-759-2757 warnollakes@hotmail.com



Fish for catfish, bluegill, and bass in a beautiful country setting. Enjoy the scenery around our two fishing ponds or in the covered pavilion. A variety of snacks, soft drinks,

and bait and tackle available. Fish with no license and no limit. Custom fish cleaning provided. Open daily March 1 to October 1 (closed Mondays and Tuesdays).

Directions: Follow I-44 to the Jerome exit then go 5 miles on Hwy D to Circle Road. From Columbia, follow Hwy 63 south to I-44 then I-44 west to the Jerome exit. From Dixon, take Hwy 28 south 4 miles to Hwy D and go 4 miles west on D to Circle Road.

WindRush Farms, Inc.

100 Windrush Farms Lane, Cook Station 65449 573-743-6555, www.windrushfarms.com

We are a family owned, familyoriented, fishing resort located in the foothills of the Missouri Ozarks. Located on a private spring branch tributary of the upper Meramec River, we have almost two miles of stream available for fishing with a variety of pools, runs, and riffles. Lodging is provided with eight units in two 1840



refurbished log cabins and a more private single cabin about a mile up the valley from WindRush with a private two acre lake. We provide help on many levels from nonfishing moms with eight year old wannabe trout bums to those who want to fish a #20 dry. Rainbow trout fishing six days a week (closed Tuesdays) from the third Sunday in February to the second Sunday in December.

Directions: From St. James, take Hwy 68 east 12 miles to Hwy NN, and go 4 miles. From the gravel, go 2 more miles to WindRush.

A Guide to Missouri's **Privately Owned** Fishing Areas

